

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
CENTRAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLAINTIFF

v.

No. 4:14-cr-232-DPM-10

AARON WILLIAMS

Reg. No. 24437-009

DEFENDANT

ORDER

1. Williams filed a supplemental motion for compassionate release. Because the Court never received the original motion, it granted Williams until 20 July 2020 to file another copy. Williams hasn't refiled the motion; and the time to do so has passed. *Doc. 1278*. The Court will therefore rule on the supplement. *Doc. 1277*.

2. Williams moves for immediate release under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i) based on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the risk it presents to his health if he contracts it. Williams admits he has not presented his request to the Warden at FCI Forrest City; but he asks that the Court waive exhaustion because he believes waiting for that process to run its course would be futile and would expose him to serious harm. *Doc. 1277 at 4-5*. Williams's concerns about the virus are understandable. But this Court has concluded that § 3582(c)(1)(A)'s exhaustion requirement can't be excused. *United States v. Chastain*,

Doc. 120 in E.D. Ark. Case No. 4:18-cr-159-DPM. Williams's motion, Doc. 1277, is therefore denied without prejudice.

3. The Court directs the Clerk to send Williams a copy of the *Chastain* Order with this Order.

So Ordered.

D.P. Marshall Jr.
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United States District Judge

5 August 2020